

by an end manufacturer or a user. The apparatus 10 may be a module. The planar components 100, 200 may be modules.

[0068] It will be appreciated from the foregoing that some embodiments of the present invention may provide a method comprising:

[0069] providing first protrusions 12 protruding from a planar support surface 4 and located on the planar support surface 4 to position a first planar component 100 within a first area 14; and

[0070] providing second protrusions 22 protruding from the planar support surface 4 and located on the planar support surface 4 to position a second smaller planar component 200 within a second area 24, which overlaps the first area 14, wherein at least some of the second protrusions 22 are located within the first area 14 and are configured to retract from a first protruding configuration 16 for positioning a second planar component 100 into a second retracted configuration 18 for enabling the first protrusions 22 to position a first planar component 100.

[0071] One or more of the retractable protrusions 22, 22A, 22B, 22C may also be configured as a detector that detects when a second planar component 200 has been inserted into the apparatus 10. The detector may be configured to provide a detection signal to a host apparatus housing the apparatus 10. The host apparatus may comprise a memory and a processor and software in the memory may be run on the processor to interpret the detection signal as insertion of a second planar component 200. As an example, the switch 22B of the apparatus 20 illustrated in FIG. 7A may be configured as a detector.

[0072] Although embodiments of the present invention have been described in the preceding paragraphs with reference to various examples, it should be appreciated that modifications to the examples given can be made without departing from the scope of the invention as claimed.

[0073] Features described in the preceding description may be used in combinations other than the combinations explicitly described.

[0074] Although functions have been described with reference to certain features, those functions may be performable by other features whether described or not.

[0075] Although features have been described with reference to certain embodiments, those features may also be present in other embodiments whether described or not.

[0076] Whilst endeavoring in the foregoing specification to draw attention to those features of the invention believed to be of particular importance it should be understood that the Applicant claims protection in respect of any patentable feature or combination of features hereinbefore referred to and/or shown in the drawings whether or not particular emphasis has been placed thereon.

1-24. (canceled)

25. An apparatus comprising:

a support comprising a planar support surface;

first protrusions protruding from the planar support surface and located on the planar support surface to position a first planar component within a first area; and

second protrusions protruding from the planar support surface and located on the planar support surface to position a second planar component within a second area, which overlaps the first area,

wherein at least some of the second protrusions are located within the first area and are configured to retract from a first protruding configuration for positioning a second

planar component into a second retracted configuration for enabling the first protrusions to position a first planar component.

26. An apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the second protrusions are configured to retract into the planar support surface in the second configuration.

27. An apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the second protrusions are configured for automatic retraction on user insertion of a first planar component from the first configuration to the second configuration and are configured not to retract on user insertion of a second planar component.

28. An apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the second protrusions are configured to be resiliently forced into the planar support surface on user insertion of a first planar component.

29. An apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the second protrusions are configured to be acted on directly by a first planar component to change configurations from the first protruding configuration to the second retracted configuration.

30. An apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the second protrusions are cantilevered lugs.

31. An apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein at least one of the second protrusions comprises a body suspended between a first cantilever and a second cantilever.

32. An apparatus as claimed in claim 31, wherein the first cantilever and the second cantilever lie in the same plane as the planar support surface.

33. An apparatus as claimed in claim 31, wherein the body, the first and second cantilevers and the planar support surface are formed from a single piece of plastics.

34. An apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the planar support comprises an aperture.

35. An apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the second planar component comprises a first edge and a second edge that form a first pair of parallel edges and a third edge and a fourth edge that form a second pair of parallel edges orthogonal to the first pair of parallel edges, wherein the second protrusions are located to grip each of the first edge, the third edge and the fourth edge.

36. An apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the second planar component comprises a first edge and a second edge that form a first pair of parallel edges and a third edge and a fourth edge that form a second pair of parallel edges orthogonal to that first pair of parallel edges, wherein the second protrusions are located to grip each of each of the first edge, the second edge, the third edge and the fourth edge.

37. An apparatus as claimed in claim 35, wherein the second protrusions are located to grip corners formed at the first edge and the third edge, the first edge and the fourth edge, and the second edge and the third edge.

38. An apparatus as claimed in claim 37, wherein at least one of the second protrusions is sized and located to grip a cut-off corner formed at the second edge and the fourth edge.

39. An apparatus as claimed in claim 35, wherein the second protrusions are located to grip a corner formed at the first edge and the third edge.

40. An apparatus as claimed in claim 39, wherein at least one of the second protrusions is located to grip only the fourth edge.

41. An apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein at least one of the second protrusions is configured to be resiliently forced laterally outwards from the second area by an edge of